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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The demand was made for the collection of rent for about six years; but now the collection is to be made for only one year."

' Harijan Day '.

*106 *Q*.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ' Harijan Day ' is still observed in the districts;

(*b*) if not the reasons why it is not observed ; and

(*c*) the objects of observing the ' Harijan Day '?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) The object of the celebration of the Harijan Day is mainly for doing propaganda work to arouse the enthusiasm of the people to serve the Harijan brothers in the matter of removal of untouchability and the other disabilities to which the Harijans are at present subject."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, are the Government satisfied that sufficient co-operation and encouragement in this regard is coming forth from the Caste Hindus and the members of the Harijan Welfare Committees? If it is not so, do the Government propose to take steps to secure such co-operation? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have already stated, success largely depends upon public co-operation from all sides. We will work for it."

SRI G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the Harijan Day is not at all celebrated in the Bellary district and there is no co-operation between the Bellary District Harijan Sevak Sangh and the officials? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot endorse the statement that it is not at all celebrated in Bellary. However, I shall look into the matter."

SRI G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—" As the Joint Secretary of the Bellary District Harijan Sevak Sangh, I say that no meetings are held in Bellary district because the officials are not at all co-operating in the matter. So, will the Hon. Minister take steps to see that the Government officials take a real and genuine interest in the welfare of Harijans? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It shall be done, Sir."

8-40 a.m. SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the Harijan Day is celebrated as a nominal show where not more than half a dozen people are present? "

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THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It is bound to be a nominal show in places where there is not sufficient public enthusiasm and co-operation. Mere officials alone cannot constitute the celebration."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Officials ఈ Harijan Day ను ఏ విధంగా celebrate చేస్తున్నారు. దాంట్లో మంత్రులుగా ఉన్నటువంటి తమరు ఏవిధమైనటువంటి పాత్ర వహించారు ?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Officials, non-officials and leading men of the villages co-operate in the celebrations. The celebrations consist of arranging for the cleaning of cheries, going in procession in the main streets with Gandhiji's portrait, making temple entries, holding of games and sports, distribution of sweets, etc., holding of public meetings and explaining the importance of sanitation, co-operation, thrift and economy. Harijans are also exhorted to shed their inferiority complex and rise in their social and economic status. They are also advised to fully avail themselves of the concessions granted to them. The provisions of the Temple Entry Act and the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act are explained to them, an appeal is made to the Caste Hindus and common dinners are provided wherever possible."

SRI M. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Harijan Day సందర్భములో సమిష్టి భోజన కార్యక్రమాలు జరుగుతున్నాయా అని అడుగుచున్నాను. ఆ విధంగా జరుగకపోతే అవి విధిగా జరిగేటట్లు చేస్తారా?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" జరుగుతున్నాయండి ; జరుగకున్నచోట్ల జరిగేటట్లు చేస్తాము."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" నా ప్రశ్నకు సమాధానము రాలేదండి."

SRI R. VENKATA JAGGA RAO :—" అయ్యా, ఈ Harijan Day సందర్భములో dinners చేస్తామని చెప్పారు. ఆ dinners ప్రత్యేకంగా ఏ భూస్వాముల ఇండ్లలోనో పెడుతున్నారా లేక హరిజన పేటలో పెడుతున్నారా ?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" భూస్వాముల ఇళ్లలో dinners పెట్టడంలేదండి. సామాన్యంగా అందరికీ అందుబాటులో ఉండే స్థలాలలో పెడుతున్నారు."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" In the absence of even the nominal celebration of the Harijan Day in my constituency, I am ignorant of what it is and therefore will the Hon. Minister be pleased to tell me whether this Day is a particular scheduled day or a Day celebrated every month? I seek this information so that I may be helpful."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" These are annual days. (Hon. Members: 'Monthly days.') I am

sorry—monthly days. I was referring to annual days, but the greater includes the less. It is perhaps advisable not to have them even once every year. It is good to have them once in a way to rouse enthusiasm and remind the people. But if we repeat a thing too often, it loses its flavour and attraction. We may reconsider the position.''

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—'' సమిష్టి భోజనాలు జరుపుతున్నారని అన్నారు. ఆ సమిష్టి భోజనాలలో ఎంతమంది మంత్రులు పాల్గొన్నారు ఈ Harijan Day ను celebrate చేసేటప్పుడు, ముఖ్యంగా హరిజన మంత్రిగారు ఏమిచేశారు ? ''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—'' The hon. Member is asking a personal question. I am always accustomed to dine with Harijans all my life and wherever I go, Harijans dine with me.''

District Harijan Welfare Committees.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the basis on which the District Harijan Welfare Committees are constituted;

(*b*) the functions of those committees; and

(*c*) whether recommendations of these committees are binding on the Government?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—'' (*a*) The District Harijan Welfare Committees are constituted in two blocks—official and non-official. The District officials concerned constitute the official block of the committee. Nomination of non-official members to the committees has been made taking into account the interest evinced by the persons concerned in Harijan Welfare work.

'' (*b*) The functions of the District Harijan Welfare Committees are to advise the Government on all matters relating to Harijan Welfare and to guide the work that is being carried on by them for the welfare of the Harijans and other eligible communities.

'' (*c*) No.''

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—'' When were the existing Committees constituted and when is their reconstitution due? ''

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—'' The District Committees were constituted in 1951 and their term closes in 1954, and the State Committee's term will close with this month. As soon as their term is over, the Committees will be reconstituted. The question of reconstituting the District Committees earlier is being attended to.''